# November/ December 2018



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# FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

# Message from the Mayor

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATION MEETING**

On Monday, October 29, 2018, Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Town Administrator Linwood Robinson, and Lieutenant Rease met with Commander Sheniqua Smith and Captain Jeff Ross of Prince George's County Police District 4 Station in Oxon Hill. They discussed how to coordinate public safety efforts with the town's police department and the county forces in order to better serve our community.



Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

# Forest Heights Haunted Frights

The Haunted House was held from October 26-27, and the Safe Harvest Extravaganza was held October 27. We would like to thank Councilman Kennedy II, Councilman Washington,

Councilwoman Hines, and Councilwoman Brownson for organizing a spook-tacular event, and wish to thank our amazing volunteers!

We would like to give a special thanks to the Oxon Hill Papa Johns and its manager Bheskar Joshi. Mr. Joshi went above and beyond by not only donating his pizzas but also his time. We are proud to have such an outstanding partnership in our community.

Residents in Halloween attire.











# News from the Town Administrator

# TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

The Town of Forest Heights is becoming an exciting and vibrant place to live. As we enter the season of thanks, we have a lot to be thankful for and we want to share some updates on our town's progress.

We have our share of infrastructure projects that need attention. Your Forest Heights Team, residents, staff, and elected officials, all agree we need to focus on improving the town's infrastructure. Infrastructure can be defined as the fundamental systems within our town that allow and support our daily functions. Our transportation network, the communication tools we utilize, access to safe drinking water and appropriate wastewater treatment, our methods to provide energy to keep the lights on and heat our homes, all these critical systems are within the scope of the Town of Forest Heights' infrastructure.

Our infrastructure is also an enabler for our local economy. Consider that we see the benefit of dollars being spent to make the improvements and, our residents and guests benefit from the infrastructure projects once they are finished. Currently, the town is in the process of working on and prioritizing both long and short range projects to improve or benefit our infrastructure. Below is a list of projects currently underway or recently completed in Forest Heights:

- -Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Construction project on North Huron Drive (Underway)
- -Rolph Drive Storm Water & Green Street Project (Completed)
- -New Community Gathering Green Space (Park) at Sachem Dr. & Seneca Dr. (Underway)
- -Implementation of Street Repaving and other street infrastructure projects throughout the town using Infrastructure Bond Funding (Coming Soon)

We believe it is important for you to know and understand what infrastructure improvements are planned so you can get excited about the projects moving forward and know where some of your tax dollars are being spent.

We invite you reach out and ask any questions or provide feedback so we can make the best decisions possible.

For more information about these and other projects, please contact me at 301-839-1030.

Our bold work today will benefit future generations in Forest Heights!

Town Administrator, Linwood Robinson



# **Neighborhood Watch**

Help us keep a lid on crime in our community in 2018. Become a part of the Neighborhood Watch.

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# FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE OCTOBER 2018

911 DISCONNECT	35	STOLEN VEHICLE
ACCIDENT	5	SUBJECT STOP
ADDED INFORMATION	3	SUSPICIOUS PERSON (s)
ASSAULT COMBINED	1	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE
ASSIST	2	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (occupied)
ASSIST FIRE EMS	1	THEFT
BREAK IN IN PROGRESS	1	THEFT REPORT
CHECK WELFARE	3	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT
CHECK WELFARE COMBINED	3	TRESPASSING COMPLAINT
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	12	UNKNOWN TROUBLE
DOMESTIC	6	VANDALISM
FAMILY DISPUTE	6	VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMB.
FRAUD	1	Total Calls Handled:
HIT AND RUN	2	
INJURED PERSON	1	
LOCK OUT	1	
MISC. INCIDENTS	10	Shirt of the
MISSING PERSON	3	
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	1	EMERGE
PREMISE CHECK	90	911
PROPERTY DAMAGE	6	
PROPERTY ALARM (COM)	3	
RESIDENTIAL PANIC ALARM	1	F/16
RESIDENTIAL ALARM	3	

POLICE STATION
5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE
This Station is Open to the Public
Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Town Hall Station 301-839-4040** 

(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)

(301) 352-1200



# **Town Community News**



The Town of Forest Heights is collecting winter coats for those in need. Drop off your donation at the Municipal Building. We will be accepting and distributing donations through January 4th.

Warm someone's heart with our annual Coat Drive. OPEN Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM -5:00 PM. 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

# WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE STILL <u>AVAILABLE</u>

The Town of Forest Heights, as part of the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration, is offering free weatherization upgrades to qualifying homeowners, for up to \$8,000 in repairs! Qualification is based on income

level. Veterans/Retired homeowners will be given preference. To find out more about the program and how to apply, visit the Municipal Building, call 301-839-1030, or email <a href="mailto:shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov">shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov</a> during normal business hours.





# GIVE THE GIFT OF A HAPPY HOLIDAY THIS SEASON

FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
FOREST HEIGHTS-OXON HILL CDC

# TOY DRIVE

October 23rd - December 17, 2018

COME AND DROP OFF ALL NEW TOY
DONATIONS AT

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE
FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

# Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY-Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling

Forest Heights residential Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans.

Tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles not to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less)

**METAL PICK-UP**: Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 (paid in advance)

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each: Tires \$15.00 each

# **CLOSINGS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

The Town of Forest Heights office will be closed on **Monday**, **November 12** for Veterans Day. Trash pickup will be on schedule. Exercise class will NOT be held. We will also be closed for Thanksgiving Break on **Thursday**, **September 22 and Friday**, **September 23**. Bulk Trash will **NOT** be picked up that week. Pickup will resume Thursday, November 29.

# Town Community News (continued)

# **FALL CLEAN UP 2018**

Twice a year, the Town of Forest Heights hosts a community clean up, where volunteers remove trash and help to beautify the Town. This year, we filled over 25 bags of trash while working along Livingston Road and Forest Heights Elementary School. Town Staff also planted trees in our upcoming Community Gathering Space. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who came out to help us on our Fall Cleanup on October 20th. Special thanks to Mayor Muhammad, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, Councilman Calvin Washington, the Town's Department of Public Works, Town Clerk





Sherletta Hawkins, Town Administrator Linwood Robinson, Administrative Assistant Kathleen Via, and Lieutenant Anthony Rease.



**AS A REMINDER:** Every home, lot, or vacant area within the Town limits shall be kept clean and presentable and free from rubbish, debris, garbage or litter (Town Ordinance Section 11.2)

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL: THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

**ORDINANCE NO. 03–18.** Introduced By:Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND REVISING ARTICLE 15 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC) OF THE TOWN ORDINANCE CODE, BY CHANGING, AMENDING, RENAMING OR RE-ADOPTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SAID ARTICLE INCLUDING SECTION 15.13 (PENALTIES; FEES) TO REMOVE FROM SUBSECTION (H) OF SAID SECTION THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE TOWN'S DEBT COLLECTIONS AGENCY OR ATTORNEYS FROM REPORTING A SPEED CAMERA OR OTHER TRAFFIC-RELATED DEBT ACCRUED UNDER ARTICLE 15 TO ANY OF THE MAJOR CREDIT BUREAUS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING IN-STATE (SIMILAR TO OUT-OF-STATE) DELINQUENCIES IF TURNED OVER TO THE TOWN'S DEBT COLLECTOR AND SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION FLAGGING TO BE SUBJECT TO A DEBT COLLECTION FEE; AND BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (C) (CIVIL VIOLATIONS) OF SECTION 15.13 TO CLARIFY AND EXPRESSLY STATE THAT AN UNCONTESTED SPEED MONITORING CITATION IS TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE TOWN OR ITS DESIGNEE AND THAT CONTESTED CITATIONS ARE TO BE PAID TO THE COURT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75 PER VIOLATION TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR RED-LIGHT CAMERA VIOLATIONS AND TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 15.13 TO AUTHORIZE REGISTRATION FLAGGING AND CERTAIN LATE AND DEBT COLLECTION FEES TO BE ASSESSED OR CHARGED TO SUCH VIOLATIONS INCLUDING PARKING VIOLATIONS; AND TO APPROVE AN AMENDATORY CONTRACT WITH SENSYS GATSO USA, INC TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO INCLUDE RED LIGHT CAMERA AND PARKING VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 15.8, 15.10, 15.13, 15.15 AND 15.17 TO AUTHORIZE IMMOBILIZATION USING "BOOTS" OR OTHER EQUIPMENT TO BE INCLUDED AS AN ENFORCEMENT OPTION TO TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF FINES, FEES AND THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING WITHIN THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS.

UNA ORDENANZA DEL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND REVISANDO EL ARTÍCULO 15 (ESTACIONAMIENTO Y TRÁFICO) DEL CÓDIGO DE ORDENANZA DE LA CIUDAD, CAMBIANDO, ENMENDANDO, RENAMANDO O RE-ADOPTANDO CIERTAS DISPOSICIONES DEL ARTÍCULO SEGURO INCLUIDO EN LA SECCIÓN 15.13 (PENALIZACIÓN). CUOTAS) DE QUITARSE DE LA SUBSECCIÓN (H) DE LA SECCIÓN DICHA DE LA AUTORIZACIÓN PREVIA DE LA AGENCIA DE COLECCIONES DE DEUDAS DE LA CIUDAD O DE LOS ABOGADOS DE REPORTAR UNA CÁMARA DE VELOCIDAD O DE OTRA DEUDA RELACIONADA CON EL TRÁFICO ACUMULADA DE ACUERDO CON EL ARTÍCULO 15 Y CUALQUIER ANEXO, LAS DEMANDAS (similares a las de fuera del estado) SI SE CONVIERTA EN EL RECOLECTOR DE DEUDAS DEL CIUDAD Y SUJETO A LA GESTIÓN DE REGISTRO ESTÁN SUJETAS A UNA TARIFA DE DEUDA DE DEUDA; Y AL MODIFICAR LA SUBSECCIÓN (C) (VIOLACIONES CIVILES) DE LA SECCIÓN 15.13 PARA ACLARAR Y EXPRESARMENTE, ESTÁ QUE UNA CITA DE MONITOREO DE VELOCIDAD NO CONTESTADA SE DEBE PAGAR DIRECTAMENTE A LA CIUDAD O A SU DESIGNADO Y QUE LAS CITAS CONTESTADAS DEBEN SER PAGADAS AL TRIBUNAL, YA PROPORCIONE UNA PENALIZACIÓN CIVIL EN LA CANTIDAD DE \$ 75 POR VIOLACIÓN QUE SE ESTABLECERÁ POR VIOLACIONES DE LA CÁMARA ROJA Y MÁS ENMENDARÁ LA SECCIÓN 15.13 PARA AUTORIZAR EL REGISTRO DE VUELO Y CIERTAS TARIFAS DE DEPÓSITO Y DEUDA PARA QUE SEA EVALUADA O CARGADA DE QUE VENGAN LAS EXISTENCIAS DE USO INDIVIDUAL Y PARA APROBAR UN CONTRATO AMENDATORIO CON SENSYS GATSO USA, INC PARA AMPLIAR EL ALCANCE DE LOS SERVICIOS PROPORCIONADOS PARA INCLUIR LAS CÁMARAS DE LUZ ROJA Y LAS VIOLACIONES DE ESTACIONAMIENTO; PARA MODIFICAR LAS SECCIONES 15.8, 15.10, 15.13, 15.15 y 15.17 PARA AUTORIZAR LA INMOBILIZACIÓN UTILIZANDO "BOTAS" U OTROS EQUIPOS QUE SE INCLUIRÁN COMO UNA OPCIÓN DE CUMPLIMIENTO PARA EL REMOLQUE Y EL IMPUESTOS; Y GENERALMENTE RELACIONADO CON LA RECOGIDA DE MULTAS, TASAS Y EL REGLAMENTO DEL TRÁFICO Y EL ESTACIONAMIENTO EN LA CIUDAD DE LAS ALTURAS DE LOS BOSQUES.

# Town Community News (Health and Senior News)

**AUTHORIZED** TO ENROLL **MARYLANDERS** 



# WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED! AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OPEN ENROLLMENT.

The Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment Period for 2019 will be open from Thursday, November 1, 2018. Go to Healthcare.gov to sign up for coverage, learn more information, or to keep or update your existing plan. If you don't act by December 15, you can't get 2019 coverage unless you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. Plans sold during Open Enrollment start January 1, 2019.

Questions? Contact the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange at 1-855-642-8572 or go to www.marylandhealthconnection.gov.

# **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT**

The Open Enrollment Period sometimes called the Annual Election Period or Annual Coordinated Enrollment Period – runs each year

from October 15 to December 7. During this time,

Anyone with Medicare Parts A & B can switch to a Part C plan.

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- Anyone with Medicare Part C can switch back to Parts A & B.
- Anyone who has or is signing up for Medicare Parts A or B can join, drop or switch a Part D prescription drug plan.
- Anyone with Medicare Part C can switch to a new Part C plan. Your coverage will start January 1 of the following year.

Learn more about Open Enrollment by visiting our "Guide to Medicare Open Enrollment."



# **Healthy Heights Seminar on Foot Care**

We had a great turnout for our October Seminar on Monday, October 15th! Thanks to Dr. Andre Lavergne for giving a stellar presentation on foot care! We learned about common foot problems and when to seek help from a podiatrist.



# NEXT FOREST HEIGHTS HEALTHY **HEIGHTS SEMINAR: ORTHOPEDICS**

Monday, November 19, 2018 from 1-2 pm. Please RSVP at 301-839-1030 by November 15th at 5:00 PM.



Are you doing all you can for your health?

Seniors Exercise Classes Mondays and Wednesdays. Class Begins at 12:00 noon. Free for residents.



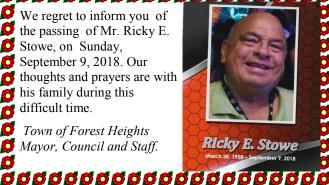
Utility Service will be rolling out their new service plan. For more information, contact 301-839-1030.



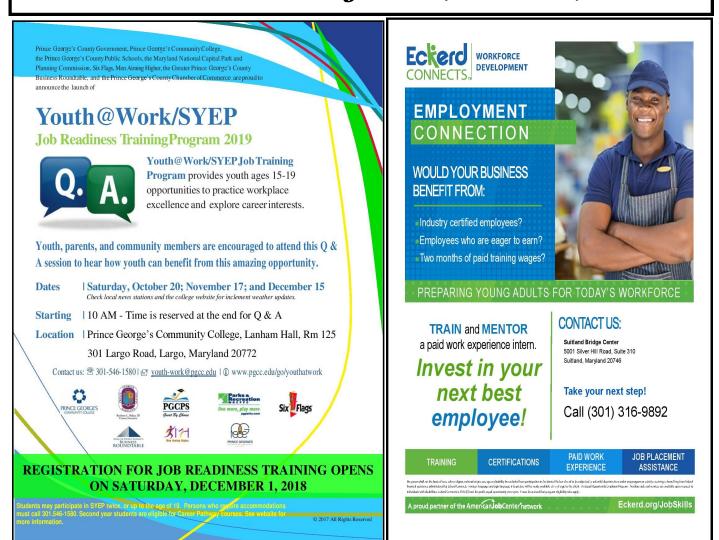
We regret to inform you of the passing of Mr. Ricky E. Stowe, on Sunday, September 9, 2018. Our

thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Town of Forest Heights Mayor, Council and Staff.



# Town Community News (continued)



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

# **Attention All Forest Heights Senior Citizens!**

The Town of Forest Heights will be holding the annual Senior Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 7, 2018. Please call 301-839-1030 by November 30th at 4:00PM or email kvia@forestheightsmd.gov to sign up. Space is limited.



# TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS presents

# 2018 Children's Holiday Party

Saturday, December 22, 2018 at the Forest Heights Municipal Building, 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745, 2PM-5PM

Children under 12.

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# **Community Calendars**

# **NOVEMBER 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	2	3 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
4	5. Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 PM	6	7 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	8 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Computer Basics Class Oxon Hill Library 10AM-12PM	9	10 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
11	12 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup VETERANS DAY. TOWN HALL CLOSED	13 Book Discussion "I've got you under my skin" Oxon Hill Library 2PM-3PM	14 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Line Dancing Oxon Hill Library 7PM-8PM	15 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Computer Basics Class Oxon Hill Library 10AM-12PM	16	17 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
18	19 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm Seminar 1-2pm	20 STEM- Tastic Lego Coding Oxon Hill Library 4:00-5:00 PM	21 Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8:00pm	22 Thanksgiving break. TOWN HALL CLOSED No Bulk Trash Pickup	23 Thanksgiving break. TOWN HALL CLOSED.	24 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
25	26Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm	27 Markerspace Tuesday Oxon Hill Library 6PM-8PM	28 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	29 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Computer Basics Class Oxon Hill Library 10AM-12PM	30	

# **DECEMBER 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
2	3 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30	4	5 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	6 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	7 Senior Holiday Luncheon	8 Dance Class 8-18 yrs 9-12 Noon
9	10 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm Seminar 1-2pm	11 Book Discussion "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" Oxon Hill Library 1:30-3:30 pm	12 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	13 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	14	15 Dance Class 9-12 Noon Oxon Hill Library Choral Concert 2-3PM
16	17 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm	18	19 Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8:00pm	20 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	21	22 Holiday Party 2PM-5PM
23	24 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY. TOWN HALL CLOSED	26 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	27 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	1 January. TOWN HALL CLOSED.	If you or anyone you please let us know from 8:30 AM- 5:0	by contacting 301-8		

**Local Forest Heights** 

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# Town Community News (continued)

# KEEP THE SIDEWALKS CLEAR

As we enter fall, please take the time to rake up any Yard Waste and keep it from spilling on the sidewalk. Grass clippings can be a tripping hazard, especially after wet weather. Failure to sweep up Yard Waste is subject to a fine of \$100.00 under Article 19.1 of the Town Ordinance. Yard waste must be properly disposed of, so DO NOT place it in plastic bags. These will not be accepted.



# DON'T FEED THE CATS!

Please do not leave food out for animals on or in public areas!

Under Section 7.1 of the Town Ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor, keeper, or harborer of any dog or other animal to permit such animal to foul any <u>public property</u> or another person's private property. This applies to cats even if you are not the owner. Violators will be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00 for the first offense.



NO BULK PICK UP THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018

# **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236 8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m. www.forestheightsmd.gov

Information Line: (240)-493-6998

# Forest Heights Notary

9 am -12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-4-:30 pm Monday - Friday

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Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200

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